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NEW STANDARDS FOR LIBRARY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

THE American Library Association will publish this month the new statement of criteria for adequate library service in the United States, PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE; A Guide to Evaluation, with Minimum Standards.*

The new book states 70 broad general principles of library service—goals for public libraries to aim at, and by which they can evaluate their present performance. These principles are linked with nearly 200 specific minimum standards relating the general principles to measurable aspects of library service—such factors as the size of the library collection of books in relation to population, or the number of new books that a dynamic library would add each year. Included with the book is a supplement, COSTS OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN 1956, which gives current information on the actual costs of minimum services for representative library systems in different parts of the country.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE is the result of more than two years' work by a Coordinating Committee of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association. In addition, hundreds of individual librarians and informed citizens have been involved in the work of producing the book, and 26 interested professional groups. The final document will, these groups feel, have a direct bearing on the cultural and educational opportunities of every person within reach of a library. It

carries the commendation of the leaders in many areas of American life, beginning with the President of the United States.

The book is a successor to two earlier statements of library standards which appeared in 1933 and 1943.

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*Public Library Service in America; A Guide to Evaluation, with Minimum Standards. American Library Association. Chicago. 96 pages. Paper. \$1.50. Supple-
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LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR ADULTS

A Workshop for Librarians in the Public Libraries of Arkansas
Southern State College, Magnolia, August 13-17, 1956
By Frances Potter Neal¹

FOR a second year the Arkansas Library Commission, in cooperation with the Library-Community Project, American Library Association, and one of the state colleges has sponsored a workshop for practicing librarians of the public libraries of the state. This year's workshop was at Southern State College, Magnolia, August 13-17. Forty-six librarians and trustees attended. Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librar-

sultant. Hostess librarians were Miss Velma Lee Adams, librarian, Southern State College, and Miss Florene Jordan, librarian, Columbia LaFayette Regional Library, Magnolia.

In August, 1955 the workshop devoted principally to a study of the community survey, was held at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, with Miss Ruth Warncke, director, Library - Community Project,



Adult Book Fair in Booneville following Materials Workshop, Magnolia. Books were exhibited in Booneville High School Library during South Logan County Fair, September 6-8. Mrs. James Randle is librarian of Logan County Library which sponsored the fair.

ian, Arkansas Library Commission, was director. Mrs. Muriel C. Javelin, Library - Community Project, American Library Association, was con-

as consultant. Following the workshop a LIBRARY-COMMUNITY SURVEY MANUAL was prepared from the findings of the study groups

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and is now available on request from the Arkansas Library Commission. Mailing and handling charge is twenty-five cents (25c).

At the conclusion of the first workshop plans for a second workshop were discussed. LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR ADULTS was the subject chosen by the group for study in 1956. Four committees were appointed to choose materials to be used. The study was divided into four areas: MAN AND HIS FAMILY; MAN AND HIS COMMUNITY; MAN AND HIS STATE AND NATION; MAN AND HIS WORLD. The committees selected fifty books of late 1955 or 1956 publication date for each area of study. When the two hundred books had been selected they represented eighty-four publishing houses. Letters were written to the publishers asking for a gift of these books to be used at the workshop and to serve as a traveling book fair for adults in the public libraries of the state following the workshop. The response from the publishers was enthusiastic and generous. The books arrived promptly after request was made for them, often accompanied by a letter expressing interest in an adult book fair.

Members of the four committees prepared annotations for the book lists which were mimeographed at the Arkansas Library Commission and distributed to the librarians prior to the workshop. The program was planned so that each librarian attending the workshop spent at least one hour at each of the four categories. A member of the book selection committee led the discussion of the books at each of the examination periods. Ten to twelve people were in each group assigned by number to the tables where the books were on exhibit throughout the week.

Special emphasis was placed on the examination of the books but there were demonstrations of ways to correlate books with films and recordings. A new film from McGraw-Hill—"Wilson: Spokesman for Tomorrow"—was loaned by the distrib-

utor for a special showing during the workshop. Buzz sessions followed showing of the film and ways to introduce and use the film in local areas were reported from groups.

Mrs. Javelin prepared an annotated list of films to be used with the book lists in the four categories: MAN AND HIS FAMILY; MAN AND HIS COMMUNITY; MAN AND HIS STATE AND NATION; MAN AND HIS WORLD. A list of sources of recordings was also prepared by Mrs. Javelin. These lists were mimeographed by the Arkansas Library Commission and distributed at the workshop. Mrs. Javelin talked to the group about the value of films and ways to use them in the public library. There were panel discussions on ideas gained from last year's workshop, on book selection and book reviewing. One day was reserved for problem solving. Each person had the opportunity to request discussion on individual problems. From the requests the day's program was planned. Reading time for staff members, memorial book collections, arrangement of books in the library, ways to stimulate interest of adult readers in coming to the library were chosen for topics of discussion. Panel members for each topic to be considered were selected from the group. With only short time for preparation a day's program was made. Several expressed the opinion that this was the most helpful day of the workshop. Everyone participated in some way.

There were special exhibits of Arkansas materials, Books that Changed the World, Library Tools, and Government Documents and Adult Education Association Leadership Pamphlets. One of the pamphlets in the AEA series was reviewed briefly by a librarian prior to the sessions each morning and afternoon. The last day of the workshop two of the librarians sang a song with the refrain, "We reviewed AEA pamphlets". Although there was some repetition in subject matter of the pamphlets the librarians used ingenuity in the short reviews and every

one knew about the AEA pamphlets before the workshop was over.

Extra features included an authors-books luncheon, a favorite quotation quiz with books as prizes, coffee breaks, a tour of the city, and a picnic breaks, a tour of the city, a picnic supper and a movie, *Glory*, to prevent all work and no play.

On the first day of the workshop at the registration desk each person was asked to draw a number which would be that person's number for the various activities throughout the workshop. A sheet of paper was provided for each person on which to state briefly what the participant expected to learn from attending the workshop. The person's number rather than name was written on the paper. The numbered pages were left at the registration desk for study by the steering committee. At the closing session on Friday, Mrs. Javelin led the group in an evaluation of the workshop. The participants were asked to answer a questionnaire which was distributed to each one that morning. The questionnaires were marked with the person's number for comparison with the goal sheet which had been done on the first day.

The unanimous decision of the group was that the exhibit and examination of the two hundred books was the most helpful part of the workshop and that the same subject should be continued next summer. Miss Elizabeth Malone extended an invitation to the group to come to Jonesboro where she is librarian of the public library of Jonesboro and Craighead County. Miss Dorothy Fenton, librarian, Arkansas State College, located in Jonesboro, offered the facilities of the college for the sessions of the third workshop for practicing librarians August, 1957. A book selection committee will be appointed soon. Demonstration talks will be a part of the program and will feature books which are on exhibit. Audio-visual materials will be used.

The outstanding program of the workshop 1956 was the Trustee-Jaycee

luncheon on Wednesday. "Operation Library", a program of public library improvement initiated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Arkansas, was adopted as a national project by the Jaycees July 28 at their national board meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. National chairman is Cecil Edmonds, West Memphis, Arkansas. Mr. Edmonds conceived the idea and has served as state chairman this year, during which time he has secured the appointment of a library chairman in each of the fifty organizations in Arkansas. W. P. Florence, chairman, Trustee Section, Arkansas Library Association and himself a member of the Magnolia Jaycee organization, presented a panel of Jaycee members who discussed what the public library could do for business, industry, professions and homes represented in Jaycee organizations throughout the state. The Magnolia Jaycees offered to sponsor the showing of the 200 books on exhibit at the workshop as a book fair for Magnolia citizens. In cooperation with the librarian, Miss Jordan, the books were exhibited in the lobby of the beautiful downtown hotel, Magnolia Inn, the week following the workshop. Many people visited the exhibit and requested books from the local library.

Mrs. W. F. Yost, reference librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, is in charge of the schedule of adult book fairs to be held in the state. Already all dates for 1956 are taken. Books will be on exhibit in each library for one week.

Interested persons who would like to receive a copy of the program, evaluation sheets, the book and film lists, may request them from Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission. Please send twenty-five cents (25c) in coin to cover handling and mailing charges.

Librarians attending the 1956 workshop were:

Miss Velma Lee Adams, Magnolia; Mrs. Jessie Bach, Newport; Mrs. Inez Bishop, Searcy; Miss LaNell Comp-

ton, Little Rock; Mr. E. H. Dahlke, Morrilton; Mrs. Margie Dahlke, Mountain Home; Miss Rebekah Dean, Harrisburg; Mrs. James Garlington, Jr., Fordyce; Miss Minnie Dee Gay, Paragould; Mrs. Terry Griffith, Batesville; Mrs. Evelyn Griffiths, Augusta; Miss Elisabeth Huey, Monticello; Miss Wilma Ingram, Greenwood; Mrs. Anne Jackson, Little Rock; Miss Florene Jordan, Magnolia; Mrs. Nadean Lee, Walnut Ridge; Mrs. Georgiana Greeson, Helena; Miss Elizabeth Malone, Jonesboro; Miss Lucy Moore, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Karl Neal, Little Rock; Miss Frances Nix, Camden; Mrs. Mabel Phillips, Salem; Mrs. Marie Pinckney, Little Rock; Miss Jacqueline Poe, Nashville; Mrs. Clarice Pollard, Sheridan; Mrs. Hazel W. Prichard, Hope; Mrs. James Randle, Booneville; Mrs. Dula H. Reid, Conway; Mrs. Robbie Rowlett, Danville; Mrs. Nancy Rutherford, Mavern; Miss Freddy Schader, Little Rock; Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon, Little Rock; Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Little Rock; Miss Lucille Slater, El Dorado; Mrs. June Pugh, Magnolia; Miss Sybil Tatom, Magnolia; Miss Nina Turner, Hardy; Miss Elsie Weissenberger, North Little Rock; Mrs. Mary Wilking, El Dorado; Mrs. Janie Winkelman, Pine Bluff; and Mrs. Franklin Yost, Little Rock.

Trustees at the workshop were:

Mrs. W. H. McCain, Cotton Plant; Mrs. Jim Merritt, McGehee; Mrs. Merlin Moore, Little Rock; and Miss Pearl Williamson, DeQueen.

"THE LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY"

Phillips County Library's Participation in the Community Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Year of incorporation as a city was celebrated in Helena, Arkansas, in August, 1956. Plans were made at the beginning of the year, and preparations were well under way in early Spring. The Phillips County Library was represented at the first planning meeting and most of those which followed.

A pageant of Helena history was planned as the main attraction. In preparation for this, the library furnished old histories, scrapbooks, letters and documents, pamphlets and newspapers for the use of those writing the continuity.

Centennial participation included the growing of beards by the men and the wearing of dresses of the style of 1856 by the ladies. Each member of the library staff prepared a typical costume and wore it at the times prescribed.

Caravans were organized to visit surrounding communities for advertising purposes, and the staff of the

library joined one of these caravans. It was a hot and dusty day for hoops and bonnets but an interesting experience even so.

A history of the library was prepared by the librarian for the Centennial Edition of the newspaper. The museum, which is an annex to the headquarters building, was one of the chief attractions of historical interest for Centennial visitors.

Supplementary cooperation was demonstrated by individuals from the library who participated in many other Centennial activities, but as interested citizens of the community rather than as library personnel.

Georgiana Greeson, Librarian

Rector Public Library

Many people think libraries are limited in service to the printed materials which are circulated as books and reference works. They also may think of the public library as a place for children and well-educated adults

with well-formed habits of reading popular and scholarly books.

To meet the reading needs of the fast growing number of library patrons the librarian must plan a well rounded service to the community. This service should supplement today's "Mass Media Communications" which include magazines, cheap reprint books, radio, motion pictures, television, and audio visual materials.

The public library at Rector is not only used as a center for reading materials but is also used as a meeting place throughout the year for different groups of people participating in various kinds of community work. This serves as a means of acquainting new people with the library and its services, and usually results in something new added to the library.

For several years the Home Demonstration agent has held her training meets in the library with the attendance of club women and 4-H leaders from all over the county. A gift of sixteen folding chairs to the library was made by these organizations.

The librarian serves as chairman of one section of the large Labor Day parade sponsored by the Civic Club of Rector. This parade section is known as the "Jones Family" with a record attendance of 15 years at the picnic. The library furnishes a meeting place for the discussion and planning groups which include school children and adults. Story-book characters play a large part in this parade. Floats representing two popular story-book people, Davy Crocket and Robin Hood, have been parts of recent Labor Day parades. Books, maps, costumes and other library items serve as aids in these plans. Snapshots of this famous family are an eye-catching display at the library.

The Rector Woman's Club, sponsors of the establishment of the public library, reserve one meeting of their club calendar for the library. This affords the librarian an opportunity to give short book talks and display

the collection of gift books from the proceeds of the Silver Tea, an annual money-making project of the club for the library.

Members of Sunday School classes serve as caretakers for the audio Bible when placed in homes of the aged and convalescent.

Story Hour during the summer serves the librarian as a time to get acquainted with the pre-school child and the parent. These short periods together can lead to greater things for the school child who has had an early introduction to good stories and attractive books.

Generally speaking, each community service afforded by the library pays big returns, not always visible; but surely seeds are sown, and the community as a whole is coming to understand better the role played by public libraries.

Lillian Randleman, Librarian

Excitement This Summer for Piggott

The Piggott Public library — together with the town's people and neighboring towns—were very alive with excitement during the months of July and August. Elia Kazan, the producer and Budd Schulberg, the author, paid a visit to Piggott last fall looking for a location in which to film a portion of the movie, "A FACE IN THE CROWD." They left saying that they had found what they wanted here and would be back in August to start shooting. So everyone got busy—the whole town put on a new, shining appearance. The brass plate over the entrance to the library was so bright it could be seen for blocks away. The Kazans rented a house across from the library and proved to be very good neighbors. Mrs. Kazan was a very charming, literary minded lady. She spent much of her time writing stage and T.V.

skits. A son who was with them—Greg, aged seventeen—was also becoming a writer of note.

Of course, it was very exciting talking with Mr. Schulberg. He had requested that a number of his books be sent to our library from the publishers but somehow they were slow in reaching us; so, thanks to the Arkansas Library Commission — who never fail to come to my assistance in response to a hurried request—they sent us a copy of "SOME FACES IN THE CROWD"—in order for us to satisfy some of the readers. However, before Mr. Schulberg left Pigott—we received six copies of the book, which he very graciously autographed for us, along with the stars in the movie version.

Miss Lee Remick, one of the leading ladies, was invited to meet the children of the Summer Reading club; so, a "Lee Remick" day was observed at the library. The interior was festive with posters and photos, welcoming her. There were also Lee Remick bookmarks. She was swamped with autograph books, memory books and bookmarks to sign for all the children. She graciously answered all their questions. This was the highlight in the club's activities. All ages were present, down to three months old Meg Benson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Benson of Little Rock, who had the choice spot—on Miss Remick's lap—when the photographer came to make some pictures.

When the movie machines started rolling, a demand for several thousand people to appear in mob scenes was met with the suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce that the whole community act as "Faces in the Crowd," donating their time, so that the town might ask the company for a sum of money with which to open up the town's community swimming pool. It had been closed for the past several years, awaiting the time when enough ready cash could be collected to pay for a filtering system which was required by the Health Department.

Mr. Kazan asked that an estimate be given him of the cost—with the results of a check being handed to the Chamber of Commerce for the amount of \$8,502.87. This certainly proved to be a loyalty test; for there were two days of standing out in the scorching sun, then two nights at the railroad station, shivering from the very cool nights.

This was an experience none would have missed. Next summer it will be a happy reminder when the swimming pool is open. All ages are eagerly awaiting the movie's premier showing next summer.

The librarian was kept very busy, both inside and outside the library. Some of the things we did were acting as background action, in the scene on court square, with the "old whitlers"; holding a little girl's dog, in a scene at the jail; being chairman of decorations and acting as hostess at a get acquainted party for the entire group; hurriedly making and decorating a gold key for our Governor Faubus to present to Kazan.

The children were very disappointed to learn after it was over that Miss Remick had been in town one day with two reporters and photographers, for an article to appear in Collier's. They wanted the library scene again, but of course both children and librarian were in Rector attending their Labor Day picnic on Monday.

Ruth Gwin, Librarian

Summer Reading for New Edinburg School District

Patrons of the New Edinburg School District in Cleveland County were treated with book collections for vacation reading during the summer months.

Miss Anita Knowles, New Edinburg school librarian, spent one day at the Arkansas Library Commission selecting the books for these loans. Miss Knowles kept the reading interest of each community in mind as she chose the books. She reports that the ven-

ture proved successful and that the people were appreciative of their opportunities.

Miss Marnelle Norton was librarian in the Emmaus community, Mrs. Gordon Bryant at Macedonia, Mrs. Aubrey Vance at Mt. Lebanon, Robert Barker at Hollis Special District, and Miss Knowles kept the Hebron collection.

Miss Knowles has been school librarian at New Edinburg for fourteen years. She also teaches some English and mathematics classes.

Individual Club Work

The specific thing that I got from the first workshop that I used throughout the state in club institutes for the Arkansas Federation of Women's clubs was the demonstration of program building with an uninterested or indifferent, incapable committee.

Most of us realize that the success of all organizations depends primarily upon three elements—Good leadership, good programs and worthwhile projects—and I would say that good programs was the most important. A program must present a challenge; must be completely planned in advance for the entire membership and

for the betterment of the community.

I selected from each group five people to act as the program committee and suggested to them some of the things that we often find in the average program committee. The chairman called the committee together and complained about being appointed chairman—since she knew very little about club work and really cared less.

There was the person who complained continuously about the program last year—one who wanted a strictly high-brow program with lectures by famous authors and composers, one who wanted a definitely diversified program with such subjects as Development of personality, Dieting, Better methods of Rearing Children and Well Dressed Women—and of course there was the constant objector.

Not one of them was familiar with the wonderful outline of study—the projects and policies of the State and General Federation. It furnished some fun—but is also made the group realize how little thought and preparation was given to the planning of the work of their organizations.

Mrs. W. H. McCain, Trustee
Arkansas Library Commission,
Cotton Plant

WHAT IS LIBRARIANSHIP

Extracts from a Talk at the Library School Breakfast, 1956
Arkansas Library Association Convention
By Howard F. McGaw¹

GOOD librarianship is always associated in my mind, as I think it is in yours, with people who obviously want to be helpful. I say "obviously" because some librarians, despite their claims to the contrary, don't seem to enjoy helping their patrons. I

realize that some people are awfully lazy, and some have a lot of nerve, and these people need to be shown, tactfully but firmly, how to wait on themselves. But I'm speaking of the typical case where the inquirer is sincere and considerate.

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We all make careless mistakes from time to time. Let's just try to be sure that no one suffers from them, if possible. The reference librarian is in an especially vulnerable position in this respect. A slight error in a bibliographical citation may result in a patron's spending several hours in a search for something that's not there.

Too often, librarians fail, as do other people, to exercise their imagination adequately, or to use their common sense. Even though our ancestors didn't endow us with more than our share of grey matter, we can do the best we can with what we have. It isn't everybody that flashes a 300-watt bulb, but we can at least keep the dust off our 25 watts.

Imagination and intelligence of the right kind will lead to curiosity and discontent—qualities to which reference was recently made in one of our popular magazines. "After years of observing human nature," says the author, "I have concluded that two qualities make the difference between leaders and men of average performance. They are curiosity and discontent. I have never known an outstanding man who lacked either. And I have never known a man of small achievement who had both. The two belong together. Without discontent, curiosity is merely idle. With curiosity, discontent is only useless handwringing."

The curiosity of the inquiring mind, always asking **why**. The constructive discontent of the person who is not satisfied with the status quo, who is forever raising and trying to answer the question, "What can be done by way of improvement?"

I think that's enough for you to digest with your breakfast. If we assume that you are adequately prepared for your job through training and experience, and if you have a friendly disposition, an enthusiastic personality, pride in your work—and there can be no genuine pride unless that work is done carefully and thoroughly, and an imaginative

intelligence that keeps you curious and healthily discontented, then you're definitely on the way.

Finally, always remember that "anybody can be a carpenter."

The circulation and reference librarians whom I remember best were unusually friendly people. Their desire to serve showed in their eyes and voice and step. They were never afraid of being thought over-enthusiastic, over-persistent in their pursuit of the desired information. People like to be waited on by a staff member with this kind of spirit.

Tied in very closely with the above-mentioned enthusiasm is the librarian's pride in his profession. You are not likely to have the second without the first, and you certainly won't have the first without the second. They generally go hand in hand.

It's possible that some of you picked the wrong profession, or the wrong position within the profession. If you're not proud of librarianship, and if you're not happy in your present assignment, you owe it to yourself and to the profession to find something else. Life is short; if it's at all possible for you to find a job in which you get paid for what you like to do, then find that job. If it's librarianship, good. If it's not, don't be shortsighted: it's awfully poor economy to spend the rest of your days in an uncongenial atmosphere simply because you invested a year or two in special training.

This may seem heresy, for a guest speaker at a library association to urge some of the membership to leave the ranks—especially when we consider the shortage of librarians. But I have no retraction to make. In the long run, our profession will be better off without prideless, unhappy people in it, and these people will be better off in something else.

Now back to the library. I have centered our attention on circulation and reference librarians, but I do not mean in any way to minimize the

importance of the technical services personnel. The latter are usually not called on to give service to the public, but the enthusiasm which they put into their work—this may be a quiet, restrained kind of enthusiasm, of course—, and their pride in the profession, may be as strong as anyone's.

Essential in all library work is ac-

GOOD BOOKS ARE TO READ

LIBRARIANS have often pondered over this \$64,000 question, but still find it a puzzler: "How do we get adults to read good books?"

Right here another question always seems to pop up. How can we "sell" anybody a product we are not "sold" on ourselves? Librarians as people should be interested in other persons as fellow human creatures and in the individual in today's society.

Would you recommend to your neighbor what you would not want for yourself? The second item in the formula for librarians is BOOKS. A librarian must love to read books. (Librarianship=Love for People, Books

curacy and thoroughness. If a cataloger, or a cataloger's assistant whom the cataloger doesn't supervise very well, substitutes a 650 for 560, so that a book on paleontology winds up on the shelf for business arithmetic, and if this kind of thing happens very often, we can predict an early termination to his career as a cataloger, if not as a librarian.

ARE TO READ

and Order—in that order.) Read as much as you can, as often as you can.

Since scientists tell us that visual impressions are the most likely to linger in the mind, perhaps the old-fashioned idea of poster exhibits for the display of good books—new and old—is still the best way to persuade people to read. Suggestions for themes of special book exhibits might include: Bible and History, Books and Current Events, Citizenship is for Informed Persons, Books That Have Changed the World, and This Atomic Age in Books. And of course, the Christmas season is brimming with possibilities for all kinds of book displays.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATE LIBRARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1956

THE thirty-fourth annual conference of Arkansas librarians was very proud to have more national celebrities in the library profession taking part in the state meeting this year. David Clift, executive secretary of the American Library Association, contributed greatly to the success of the conference, addressing library groups as well as TV audiences, and conducting a panel discussion in the Trustees Section of the state association during his short stay in Arkansas. Howard F. McGaw, University of Houston, addressed librarians attending the breakfast on Tuesday morning, and again at the final luncheon meeting Tuesday. His first talk is reprinted in part in this bulletin.

Congressman Brooks Hays ad-

dressed the second general session on Monday evening. Mrs. Margaret Ross Smith, research assistant at the Arkansas History Commission, talked about rare Arkansas materials to the Public, County and Regional Library Section meeting Tuesday morning. The Conference for 1957 will convene October 7-8.

New officers elected for 1956-57 are: President, Dick Allen, librarian, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway; Vice-president, Miss Lucille Slater, librarian, Union County, El Dorado; Secretary, Miss Frances Nix, librarian, Public Library of Camden and Ouachita County; Treasurer, Mrs. Howard Pritchard, librarian, Hempstead County, Hope; ALA Councilor,

Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock.

College Section: chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Sydenstricker, librarian, Arkansas College, Batesville; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, librarian, Little Rock Junior College; secretary, Miss Annie May Alston, librarian, Harding College, Searcy. School section: chairman, Mrs. Lyle Condell, librarian, Forest Heights Junior High School, Little Rock; vice-chairman, Mrs. J. A. Eubank, librarian, Newport High School; secretary, Mrs. Foy Hall, librarian, Fort Smith High School. Public and County Library section: chairman, Miss Nina

Trustees section: chairman, Mrs. George J. Terry, trustee, Batesville Public Library; vice-chairman, Cecil Edmonds, West Memphis; secretary, Tom Robinson, Jonesboro.

A Special Librarians Section of the Arkansas Library Association was organized during this year's convention, and it is now an integral part of the state association. Representatives of Service, Hospital and Medical libraries met and elected Miss Mary Upton chairman and Miss Blanche Miller secretary. The group is anxious to contact all Arkansas librarians not ordinarily affiliated with any of the existing groups. Technical librarians representing agricultural,



1956-57 Officers of the Arkansas Library Association: Dick Allen, Conway, president; Miss Lucille Slater, El Dorado, vice-president; Miss Frances Nix, Camden, secretary; and Mrs. Hazel Pritchard, Hope, treasurer.

Turner, librarian, Sharp County Library, Hardy; vice-chairman, Mrs. Mary Beth Griffith, librarian, Cleburne-Independence Regional Library, Batesville; secretary, Mrs. Janie Winkelman, assistant librarian, Jefferson County Library, Pine Bluff.

geological, medical service, insurance, historical, chemical and industrial and other types are especially urged to contact Miss Upton or Miss Miller, both of the Veterans Hospital Library at Little Rock.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

To: Members of the Arkansas Library Association

I once had a college professor who said the ability to write was composed of one-fourth talent and three-fourths application to the seat of a chair with pen and paper in hand.

There's no doubt a great deal of truth in this writing formula, but I do long for the talent of the masters to express my deep gratitude to the members of the Arkansas Library Association for their unfailing support throughout the year.

Our membership now totals about 550. This figure includes active, institutional, associate, life, and honorary members. Of this number, over one hundred fifty individual members have volunteered or agreed to serve on various committees. Our librarians have given of their staff time to assist in carrying out the work of the Association.

From a national legislative standpoint we can take pride in knowing that we helped to pass the Library Services Bill. We have contributed time, money, leadership, and prayer to achieve this national triumph for library service. Arkansas' senators and representatives have supported the Library Services Bill. We are grateful to them.

We can take pride in our own state legislation which has given us fine library service through the Arkansas Library Commission. In addition, our Commission has conducted information meetings, workshops for professional growth, sponsored another tour to the national conference of the American Library Association, and will again provide leadership in bringing the Third Arkansas Book Fair to Arkansas.

For our entire membership I want to express our appreciation to the sponsoring libraries of the Arkansas Book Fairs, Little Rock Public Library, North Little Rock Public Library, Pulaski County Library, and the Arkansas Library Commission for

these outstanding events. Our Association has been privileged to contribute to these annual book fairs.

Our colleges are performing a much needed service in offering the best basic library science courses possible. Our state is becoming better equipped to give library service to our people through the fundamental training available at our University, Arkansas Tech, Arkansas State, Southern State, Henderson State Teachers, Arkansas State Teachers, and Arkansas College. As John Cotton Dana would say, they are "keeping eternally and everlastingly at it!"

"Operation Library", the Arkansas Jaycee project with which our Association and the Arkansas Library Commission have been cooperating, has been adopted on a national basis as a first class project. This outstanding achievement has been accomplished through the efforts of some dynamic young Arkansas men, led by Cecil Edmonds of West Memphis and Mike Maloney of Fayetteville, who may not have had time to read many of our books because of all the letters they've written and speeches they've made to boost our libraries. Winthrop Rockefeller, an enthusiastic and generous Arkansas booster, has contributed one thousand dollars to help promote "Operation Library" since it has been adopted on a national basis.

At our last Executive Board meeting held in Little Rock to polish up details for our fall conference we had perfect attendance. All board members, section chairmen, and the local arrangements chairmen were present. These busy people made personal sacrifices that day to help carry out the objectives of the Arkansas Library Association—to promote library service and the profession of librarianship in Arkansas.

At six a. m. just before I left for the board meeting that morning my phone rang. One of my library friends

had called me at her own expense to make some helpful suggestions concerning our program for the fall convention. This is just another example of Arkansas librarianship. I appreciated this call, as I have the other calls, letters, cards, and messages from members of the Arkansas Library Association. This spirit of helpfulness has truly made me feel with James Barrie that "life is a long lesson in humility". Arkansans have much for which to be grateful.

True, there are, as each year passes, many things left undone, plans unfinished, dreams not yet realities. We

are limited by time, money, and physical strength. But when we live in a state which has people as dedicated to their profession as our librarians are, as devoted to libraries as our trustees are, and as energetic as our Jaycees are, then we have every reason to be proud and optimistic.

As we go into another year, I know we will give our wholehearted support to the new officers of the Arkansas Library Association and to strive to make next year the best of all.

Mrs. Katharine Keathley,
President, 1955-56

RECENT ARKANSAS GRADUATES FROM LIBRARY SCHOOLS

Atlanta University
MSLS

- 1. Mrs. Hattie R. Watson, Pine Bluff
- 2. Mrs. Phyllis K. Walker, Pine Bluff

Columbia University
MS

- 1. Ruth C. Hale Burdette

East Texas State Teachers College
BS

- 1. Berneice B. Byrd Ashdown
- MSLS
- 1. Mary Maxie Irons Oden
- 2. Edna Tabor Jernigan Arsenal

Louisiana State University
MSLS

- 1. Katharine Arnold Hope
- 2. Frances Fooks Camden

George Peabody Library School
MALS

- 1. Miss Glynn Burton Blytheville

- 2. Grace Morrow Coleman, North Little Rock
- 3. Mr. Walter Damron King, Searcy
- 4. Miss Claudia Pennington, Texarkana
- 5. Mrs. Mary Sturgeon Brinkley

Mary Reed Library,

University of Denver
MALS

- 1. Florence Clayton Carmichael, Monticello
- 2. Mildred Ann Schichtl Conway

Rosary College

- 1. Robert Moore Arkadelphia

(Graduate who accepted a position to teach at Henderson State Teachers College.)

University of Southern California
MSLS

- 1. Mrs. Jean W. Eustice, Long Beach 3, California

NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISES

By Winnie Lowe¹

The big question in library organization at the present time seems to be that of a materials center vs. the

conventional "book and few related materials" organization. The school section at the national convention in

¹Mrs. John W. Lowe, chairman of the school Library Section of Arkansas Library Association, is librarian at Fourche Valley High School, Briggsville.

Miami Beach held a two-day discussion of this question. The thing that has impressed me most has been the spirit of no compromise between most members of each school of thought.

Modern schools do call for an ever increasing number and variety of materials of teaching. These will have to be organized in some fashion if teachers are to be able to utilize them to the greatest advantage for their students, and if gross duplication of materials are to be avoided in each school.

Actually, each school will eventually be forced to use whichever method will better implement teaching in their own situation with a minimum of duplication. Probably it will be impossible for any one set of rules to be worked out which will be applicable in every school. There will always be the factors of number of students enrolled, the number of teachers employed, and the amount of money available in addition to the work load for the librarian.

In our own situation at Fourche Valley a very definite materials center has been in operation for about eight years. We think it the ideal organization for a small rural school (approximately 250) which has funds to operate a rather generous audio-visual program.

From the beginning the A-V program has been an integral part of the library service in our school. Two times during the school year (September and January) the teachers of both elementary school and high school submit titles of films wanted and a master list is then made by the librarian and sent to the State Department of Education and other agencies furnishing free films. When the bookings have been confirmed, the library makes a film schedule for the semester with title of film, teacher showing film, and the date of showing. Each day the film schedule is posted in both high school and elementary school buildings. The time of day is posted with the title of film and the teacher responsible for its showing.

The film is returned to the library with the projector and the library staff prepares it for returning to the proper agency. Last year our library handled over 389 films for the school and community.

Our library has (in addition to the 16mm film projector) two slide film projectors, two record players, one opaque projector, one tape recorder and one separate public address system (amplifier and microphone). As of the present time this equipment is checked out on cards similar to books behind an index card with its title in the card tray. The slide film collection of almost 500 titles is much in demand especially in the science department and the elementary grades. We have only a small core of records in our collection (singing games, activities, popular school titles, records for typing and some history recordings). Next year we hope to add more titles for grade school and some shorthand records for the business department.

Our card catalog will have four colors of cards in it when it is completed. Books will be listed on white cards in conventional author, title and subject organization; slide films will be listed under title and subject on blue cards; pamphlets will be listed by subject with a list of titles for each on buff cards and pictures will be listed by subject on green cards.

Our main library is housed in the high school building and it is here that all of the materials are centered. Room collections of books are sent to each grade room. Our high school rooms are not equipped to handle a great amount of the small teaching materials, and these, too, are to be found in the library. Poster paints, paper, scissors and other materials are checked out by the teachers for use in their rooms. The grade teachers do not receive this service as their materials are housed in each room just as their room collection of books.

One really good set of maps serves the entire school for they can be checked out in the same way as pro-

jectors and other equipment. A wonderful new map of Arkansas was added to our collection last year and we now have two maps of the state available.

A requisition sheet has been worked out by which the library is notified a week in advance of demands for slide films, projectors, maps and other equipment. Then our library staff makes up the schedule of equipment for each day and posts it with the film schedule.

All of these services add up to a real job for a librarian. And when she must also teach, it sounds impossible. I could not do the job here, if it were not for my library assistants. They can and do carry a real load for me. We make lots of errors; sometimes there is confusion as to the schedule of films and other materials, and we work many overtime

hours. However, it is work we all love to do and we are looking forward to that day when every school in Arkansas will have a full time librarian who can give the kind of services our improved schools will demand.

The School Section of the Arkansas Library Association met at 2 p. m. Monday, September 24. The speaker was Miss Willie A. Lawson, a prominent Arkansas woman who has spent many years in varied school activities in this state. One of our own librarians, Mrs. Cora Hall of Fort Smith, gave a short account of the ALA National Convention in Miami Beach. Carolyn Daniels of Pine Bluff, president, Arkansas Student Librarians Association, spoke in behalf of her group. Eloise Bethel of Fourche Valley was present and talked to many school librarians about the spring program.

THE NEW JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Acting as representative of the state librarian, Mrs. Hazel H. Deal, Washington county librarian, attended the dedication of the new library building at John Brown University on April 8. Also attending these ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller and Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Rohrbaugh, representatives of the University of Arkansas. The weather was perfect and the hillsides were sprinkled with redbud and dogwood in bloom. Also present were Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Lowe of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Miss Maddox, librarian of Tulsa University, and Miss Hinckley, librarian of Drury College. The building is not large yet seems adequate for the needs there. Much of the furniture was built by the students and is excellent. The surroundings looked most pleasant. The library building is of architecturally similar to the University chapel and is located very near the chapel. Li-

brian is Miss Pearl G. Carlson.

A foundation for a library building had been laid some years ago, but the depression vetoed that possibility. Now, upon the same site, though upon a new foundation, has been placed a larger, better building than had at first been planned. This building, constructed of Haydite Masonry units, is sixty-two by one hundred and nine feet, with a total floor space of 14,000 square feet. Designed to hold a library of 50,000 books, with possibility of expansion, it contains a basement, main floor, balcony, and a conference room large enough for audio-visual use and for small group meetings. There are also good, well lighted work rooms and an attractive office for the librarian; as well as minor rooms, such as a lounge for the library staff, a kitchenette, a historical-treasure room, and storage closets.

DELEGATE TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Mrs. Almon Faught, prominent Jonesboro clubwoman, and farmer whose family political heritage dates back to the 1630's, was a member of the Arkansas delegation to the National Democratic Party Convention and served on the important platform committee.

Mrs. Faught, representing the Arkansas Democratic Party on the platform committee, went to the national convention a week before it opened on August 13. The committee worked seven days prior to the convention opening.

She went to the convention as a delegate-at-large from Arkansas. One other Jonesboro resident, Lafayette Sammons, printer and former alderman, was named an alternate delegate from the First Congressional District.

Being named to the national committee, which developed the party's election campaign platform, highlights a series of important posts held by Mrs. Faught. "I guess I really got interested in politics when Senator Caraway was in office," she recalls. The late Senator Thaddeus W. Caraway lived just three blocks from Mrs. Faught, who resides at 515 West Matthews, Jonesboro.

"After he died and Mrs. Caraway was named to succeed him, I became more interested, especially when she ran for election the first time in 1936. That was the first campaign I really ever worked in. Since then I've been actively interested in various other campaigns, and in all of them as a citizen," she explains.

Mrs. Faught is vice president of the Democratic Party in Arkansas, which makes her the head of the women's division. She had served on the state committee two years before being appointed vice president June 24.

She is also a member of the Arkansas Library Commission, the Arkansas Battlefields Commission, and the board of the Arkansas Business and Professional Women's Club.

Locally Mrs. Faught is chairman of the Craighead County Democratic Women's Club, member of the boards of the Jonesboro Civic League and the Jonesboro Business and Professional Women's Club.

But her favorite work is as chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped, which works closely with the Employment Security Division to find jobs for handicapped persons.

Mrs. Faught is former president of the Jonesboro Garden Club, past local and district president of the American Legion Auxiliary, past president of the United Council of Church Women and former welfare officer of the Legion Auxiliary of Jonesboro.

It is not unusual, her interest in politics. Her father, the late W. S. Montague, was chief of police when she was a girl and was active in all phases of politics. Her mother, Mrs. W. S. Montague, "was the politician in our family," says Mrs. Faught. She read all the time and really kept up to the minute on what went on.

Mrs. Faught is the former Mary Montague. She is a direct descendant of the Montague family which came to Virginia in the 1630's. From this family came another Mary Montague, grandmother of George Washington, and Alice Montague, mother of the Duchess of Windsor.

Mrs. Faught doesn't give all her time to politics and club work. She lists her occupation as "farmer", actively directing operation of several thousand acres of farmland.

EDUCATIONAL TV SERIES WILL BEGIN

The Junior League of Little Rock and Friends of the Little Rock Public Library are sponsoring jointly a new educational and entertainment television program for children each Monday afternoon during the 1956-57 season, beginning October 15.

The program can be seen on KATV (Channel 7), from 4:10 p. m. to 4:25 p. m.

The new program is beamed at child audiences between the ages of six through 10 years. Mrs. Guy Amssler, Jr., in the TV character of "Miss Barby," will be a regular storyteller on the program, and child volunteers will take part in this segment of the program. Carroll McGaughey of the KATV staff will direct.

The first program featured an Uncle Remus story by Ralph Sloan.

Books to be used on the series of programs were selected by Miss Ida

Mae Hagin, children's librarian of the Little Rock Public Library. The story for the following week will be announced on each week's program. Various methods of story-telling and pantomime will be used to relate the selected stories.

Later in the season, the group will arrange for children to obtain Little Rock Public Library cards in the children's department, and an honor roll of those who have done so will be maintained.

Purposes of the new TV program will include cultivation of good reading habits and interest in good books by children, wider use of the public library by children, and a general educational program for television audiences. The program also seeks to promote wholesome literature for children.

The program will be titled "Adventures in Storyland with Miss Barby."

LIBRARY SECTION OF BOONE COUNTY WORKSHOP

THE program for the library section of the Boone County Workshop was a five member panel. Moderator, Mrs. Marion R. Jones, regional librarian, was demonstrating the role-playing technique. Mrs. Anne Jackson, High School and Public Library Consultant, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock served as resource member of the panel. Discussion centered around problems of book selection and purchase. The following played the roles:

Mrs. Wilhelmina West (Omaha) — School Administrator.

Mrs. Vennie Gilbert (Omaha) — Classroom teacher.

Mrs. W. B. Standiford (Bergman) — Parent of a Jr. in High School.

Mrs. Esther Richesin (Lead Hill) — Student-Jr. and member of Library Club.

Mrs. Mary Reid (Harrison) — School Librarian.

The fictitious school of "HOT POINT" with an enrollment of 245 and an average daily attendance of 215 last year was the school pictured. The school district had a population of 2,142. The school operated five school buses, hot lunch program, had Science, Math, English, History, Civics, Commercial, Agriculture, Physical Education, with only a part time librarian. The librarian had only three periods in the library with a budget of only \$300.00.

Each member of the panel was asked to play the role indicated, placing themselves in the shoes of someone else.

Everyone agreed that schools could borrow fiction books from the North Arkansas Regional Library, leaving their own library budget for their non-fiction books to build up their reference and special reports.

Small libraries should have four to ten books per child, never less than

2,000 books. Librarians should have the help of teachers and administrators in selecting books. Students should also have the right to make suggestions, provided the student is one that is dependable and good at selection. School libraries should be adequate to meet the needs of the teachers, students, and communities.

Proper aids should be used in the selection of books. Suggested list includes:

Wilson Catalogs—

“Children’s Catalog (Grades 1-8)

“Standard Catalog for High School” (grades 7-12)

“Book to Build On”, Bowker Co.

American Library Association publications—

“Basic Book Collection for High Schools”

“Basic Book Collection for Junior High Schools”

“Basic Book Collection for Elementary Schools”

Teachers can encourage the reading of wide variety of books by requiring different types of reading for reports.

Mrs. Jones spoke on the increased services that can be given to schools if the library one-mill tax is passed in November at the General Election by the four counties that the library

serves. If it is passed the Regional Library will have more local support, State Aid, and be eligible for Federal Aid.

SUMMARY—Mrs. Anne Jackson: In the buying of books:

1. Recommended selection aids should be used
2. Other teachers and also competent students should have a part in selection

Books should be:

1. Appealing to children
2. Books need to be up to date, attractive, authentic, on different subjects, good format.
3. **Teacher - Librarian’s Handbook**, by Mary Peacock Douglas, should be used as guide by the librarian.

More time was needed. Possibly three periods could have been used. Perhaps the idea used by the library group could be used in later meetings by other sections. The members of the panel had not rehearsed the parts, yet they presented many of our library problems in an excellent manner.

Mrs. Esther Cook, Recorder
Library Section, Boone County
Workshop
Harrison High School Library
September 14, 1956

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ARKANSAS was represented at the biennial conference, Southwestern Regional Library Association, Oklahoma City, October 10-12 by a group of twenty-five Arkansas librarians and student librarians. Miss Lucille Slater, librarian, Union County Library and vice-president of the Arkansas Library Association was installed as treasurer of the Southwestern Regional Library Association. Other officers of the Arkansas Library Association attending the conference were Miss Frances Nix, sec-

retary, who is librarian, Ouachita County Library, Camden and Mrs. Howard Prichard, treasurer, who is librarian at Hempstead County Library, Hope.

The theme of the conference was the Education of the Librarian. Miss Florene Jordan, librarian, Columbia-LaFayette Regional Library, Magnolia was the chairman of the Public Library Section. A panel discussion on the subject of the current situation in education for librarianship was arranged by Miss Jordan

Miss Freddy Schader, elementary school library consultant and head of circulation department of Arkansas Library Commission, was chairman of the Children and Young People's Division. She was in charge of the program Thursday morning at a general session where the subject of discussion was the trend of education for librarianship in the future. Moderator of the panel was Mrs. Florinelli Morton, director, Library School of Louisiana State University. Panel members included Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary, Arkansas Library Commission, Miss Gladys Sachse, assistant librarian, Arkansas State Teachers College and Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, formerly on the staff of the Arkansas Library Commission and now head of Children's Department, Tulsa Public Library.

In the interest of recruiting librarians for the future the Southwestern Regional Library Association and the Arkansas Library Association paid the expenses of three student librarians from Arkansas colleges. They were Miss Carolyn Raney, Little Rock Junior College, Miss Carolyn Barton, Southern State College, and Miss Virginia Erwin, University of Arkansas.

Others attending from Arkansas in addition to those mentioned were Mary Sue Shepherd, Rhoda Burgess, Anne Jackson, Marie Pinckney, Wilma Ingram, Georgiana Greeson, Velma Lee Adams, Inez Bishop, Jessie Bach, Myrtle Roush, Marvin Miller, Minnie Davidson, Margaret Goldsby, June Pugh and Odeal Locke.

LIBRARIES AND UNITED NATIONS DAY

UNITED Nations Day, October 24, holds an especial significance for libraries which annually participate in the observance sponsored, on request of President Eisenhower, by the United States Committee for the United Nations.

Local UN Day Committees and organizations are being encouraged as a feature of the observance, to present to their local school and public libraries collections of books and pamphlets dealing with the United Nations.

To aid the local groups in selecting and gathering the "UN Bookshelf," the Committee is making available four sizes of the UN collections which can be purchased directly from its headquarters, 816 21st Street, NW, Washington 6, D. C.

Dr. Ralph R. Shaw, President of the ALA (who is Professor, Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.) stated that may libraries throughout the country each year join in the UN Day observance, and said:

"We Americans are deeply committed in the United Nations. It

represents the primary means through which our government is working to maintain peace in the world. It seems particularly fitting, therefore, for libraries, which are dedicated to making available information on vital issues, to participate in UN Day.

The UN book program, if successful, will help people all over the country to secure authentic information about the UN. It should convert our libraries' participation in UN Day into a continuing, year-round contribution to better world understanding and peace."

Ray Hickok, National Chairman of the United States Committee for the United Nations, said:

"One of the great steps forward in the history of civilization was the setting up of public libraries where people of all ages and all walks of life could find waiting for them, and no longer chained to the shelves, the world's knowledge. Increasingly, people everywhere avail themselves of this opportunity. In our times perhaps no field of inquiry is more important than that of international relations, and within that field no



Cecil Edmonds, national chairman, Operation Library, accepts Citation of Merit presented to Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce by the Arkansas Library Association, the Arkansas Library Commission, and the State of Arkansas. The citation was presented by the Honorable Orval E. Faubus, Governor of Arkansas, at the annual meeting of Jaycees in El Dorado, May 4.

agency is more important than the United Nations."

Mr. Hickok expressed gratitude for the widespread participation of librarians in past UN Day observances and added:

NATIONAL PROJECT —

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce has adopted "Operation Library" as a national project, recommending it to the 3,000 Jaycee organizations throughout America as a Class 1 Program—their highest priority. The project—which started last year as a statewide Jaycee activity in Arkansas—has the full cooperation of the American Library Association with implementation by the ALA Public Libraries Division.

"We believe the presentation of special collections of books and pamphlets by the local UN Day committees to their public and school libraries can be made into a significant occasion."

"OPERATION LIBRARY"

ALA President Ralph Shaw has commended the Jaycees for their action and pledged ALA cooperation. PLD President John T. Eastlick will shortly appoint a Coordinating Committee on "Operation Library."

Presidents of State Jaycees are being advised of the program by national headquarters in Tulsa, with the "Operation Library" purpose stated: "to spotlight the need for additional and improved libraries throughout

the United States and to publicize the facilities available to the public in those communities which have adequate service." Community Jaycee groups will receive full information later on.

National Jaycee Chairman of "Operation Library" is Mr. Cecil Edmonds of West Memphis, Arkansas. It was Mr. Edmonds who originated the idea after his local Jaycee group achieved "the impossible" in getting a tax levy for the West Memphis Library passed by a 14 to 1 vote.

Working closely with the Arkansas Library Commission throughout, Mr. Edmonds "sold" his idea to the Jaycees throughout his own state; then succeeded in winning approval for "Operation Library" as a national Jaycee project.

Mr. Edmonds, who has announced that Winthrop Rockefeller made a gift of \$1,000 to aid promotion of "Operation Library," sees the project as "the beginning of a sweeping new program that will make many new friends for America's libraries."

PUBLIC LIBRARY REFERENCE SURVEY

PUBLIC libraries in Arkansas were asked early in 1956 to participate in the Public Library Reference Survey conducted by a special ALA committee with Mrs. Frances Neel Cheney, Peabody Library School chairman. Questionnaires were sent to forty-three public libraries in Arkansas. Recently Mrs. Cheney has reported to the Arkansas Library Commission that forty of the forty-three librarians returned the questionnaires. This is another example of the excellent cooperation which Arkansas librarians give in the interest of library improvement in our state and nation.

The trustees and executive secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission are grateful to all who participated in the survey.

As a result of your study of this questionnaire they hope you have added new books to your collection and discarded old ones. Have you given publicity to the fact that you have a reference collection and that you give reference service? Later an evaluation of public library service as revealed by the questionnaires will be given to us by the committee. In the meantime evaluate your own collection and service.

MANUAL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

A Manual for Elementary School Libraries in Arkansas by Gladys Sachse, assistant professor, Arkansas State Teachers College, and librarian, Nolen M. Irby School, Conway, is available from the Arkansas Library Commission. This manual was compiled by Miss Sachse with assistance

from Miss Freddy Schader, elementary school library consultant, Arkansas Library Commission, and is especially helpful to class room teachers in charge of school library collections. Please send 25c in coin to cover mailing and handling charges.

MY NEW JOB

By Pauline Rucks¹

SINCE June 4, I have been working in the Medical Library at the Veterans Administration Hospital in North Little Rock. So much I have learned!

¹Miss Rucks is Medical Librarian at the

Library organization here is two separate libraries, about a block apart, with three workers: the General, or Patients' Library, with one full-time worker; the Medical Li-

North Little Rock Veteran's Administra-

brary, with one full-time worker; and the Chief Librarian, the official library voice, who supervises all library operations and works wherever she will do the most good. Mr. Cureton, of the General Library, also takes a book cart to all the wards once a week. Mrs. Williams, the chief, does the executive work, and has her headquarters in the General Library. I work in the Medical Library, substitute occasionally in the Patients' Library, and have sampled ward work.

The objectives of both libraries are service (and the libraries are part of the Special Service unit), but the means of service is different. The Patients' Library, about 12,000 volumes, serves both personnel and patients for recreational and serious reading. It is visited by privileged patients from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., just as is any library, and some week nights is kept open by volunteer help from town. Closed-ward patients come in groups with aides, at scheduled hours. The book cart goes to each ward each week. There is a special collection—a complete small library—in the basement of Ward 64, for those tubercular patients who do not have arrested cases, and cannot use the books from the general library.

Patients' reading is of great interest. Their selections range from Aristotle to comic books. Long-term-patients' reading is about one-half nonfiction. A recent record of all patient reading for a year, compiled by the chief librarian, giving the amount

and classification of reading for each individual, revealed some interesting possibilities to doctors.

The Medical Library, a collection of about 6,000 volumes, of which about 2,000 are journals, is a directly useful and challenging academic service. Besides regular operation, the work includes bibliographies, borrowing, hunting for specific medical and psychiatric problems, and helping affiliate nurses and aides with their study. Incidentally, affiliate nurses from many approved Arkansas and Alabama Hospitals now spend three months in this psychiatric hospital as part of their training.

Like it? I should say I do! The patients are interesting, lovable and—rarely—irritating—as are all library patrons. Their reading is a part of their recreation, of their treatment, and as in the case of one "twenty-five-year-man", of their life. The Medical Library is mainly research, and provides a great deal of satisfaction. (And also, a great deal of practice with medical and psychiatric dictionaries, for me, at first, in order to know what everyone else was saying. The doctors, the patients, the personnel from janitor to manager are interested and helpful.

The Veterans Administration has many opportunities to offer qualified graduate librarians. Interested?

There are pages more to say, but the pages of space are limited. Why don't you come out to see us? We'd love to have you!

NEWS NOTES

JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
has been chosen as one of 100 schools in the United States to participate in the Traveling High School Science Library during the 1956-57 school year.

The library is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, both located in

Washington, D. C.

The library consists of 200 books selected by leading scientists, mathematicians, librarians and science teachers. Each school receives 50 books at a time, beginning October 1. The books are kept two months, then exchanged for those at other schools. The program involves no expense to the participating schools.

CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS has announced the appointment of **Mrs. Merlin Moore**, chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission, to a national advisory committee charged with guiding implementation of the Library Services Act.

Hays said Mrs. Moore received the one year appointment, effective August 1, from U. S. Education Commissioner S. M. Brownell, Washington. She is one of a three-member group which will direct the initial step of the rural library service program.

The congressman pointed out that the appointment is an honor to the state.

Under the legislation \$7 million will be used in a five-year period to lay foundations for extending library service in areas not served by existing facilities.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Karl Neal, state librarian, will attend a regional meeting October 30-31 in Kansas City at which representatives from twelve states will set up a plan of action under the new bill.

Mrs. Moore was also a special guest in a panel discussion "Pressure Groups and the Library", at the Trustees section of Southeastern Library Association which held its biennial conference at Roanoke, Virginia, on October 11-13, 1956.

A beautiful wrought iron SIGN WAS PRESENTED TO THE JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION by Shirley Young, president of the Arkansas Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi on Friday, September 22.

The words "Public Library of Newport and Jackson County" in gold lettering is mounted on a black base with wrought iron trim and was placed on the lawn at the corner of Third and Walnut Streets. The sign was accepted by Mrs. Willis Martin on behalf of the Jackson County Library Association.

MISS PAULINE RUCKS, formerly high school librarian at DeWitt, has

accepted the position of medical librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital, North Little Rock. Miss Rucks obtained the degree of MS in LS from Texas State College for Women in 1955.

MRS. W. S. MONTAGUE of Jonesboro, mother of Mrs. Almon Faught, Commission board member, died on September 27, 1956.

MRS. MARION R. JONES, Librarian, North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison, was selected this fall as one of ten outstanding business women in Harrison by Harrison Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. Jones attended the Library School, University of Kentucky, this summer.

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS of the library in Boone, Carroll, Marion, and Newton counties comprising North Arkansas Regional Library are working for passage of the one mill tax for library support at the general election November 6. Bradley, Hot Spring, Pope, Searcy and Yell counties will also have the library tax measure on the ballot.

MRS. CARLETON E. CURRAN is librarian at Ozarks Regional Library, Clarksville beginning October 1. She has a MS in LS from Library School, University of Wisconsin. She has been employed in the circulation department, University of Wisconsin Library the past two years. Formerly she was a member of the staff of the Cudahay Public Library. Her husband, Dr. Curran, is professor of history at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville.

MRS. GRAHAM SHANNON, formerly librarian, Dallas County Library, is circulation librarian at the Arkansas Library Commission during the

absence of Miss Freddy Schader. Miss Shader is on leave until January 26 to continue her graduate study in library science at the Library School of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE HALL are parents of a son, Carl Waid, born September 11. Mrs. Hall (Nell Webb) was assistant in the circulation department, Arkansas Library Commission, the past seven years.

MRS. KENNETH BRAME is clerk in the order department taking the position of Miss Caroly Wilson who resigned September 15.

MISS KATHERINE ARNOLD, Hope, and Miss Frances Fooks, Camden, are recent graduates of the Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Miss Arnold is now librarian, Union Parish Library, Farmerville, Louisiana. Miss Fooks is assistant librarian, Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville.

MISS JACQUELINE POE, Forrest City, and MISS RUTH WILLCOX, Monticello, were enrolled in the Library School, Louisiana State University, this summer. Due to illness in her family, Miss Poe is on leave

from her position as librarian, Southwest Regional Library, Nashville, and is at home with her parents, 410 E. Hill St., Forrest City. Miss Willcox is bookmobile librarian, Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello.

MISS ANNIE MAY ALSTON has reassumed the position as librarian, Harding College, Searcy. Mrs. Paralee Glass, librarian the past two years, has returned to her home in Texas.

DR. F. L. PROCTOR, Forrest City, died July 11, 1956. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie L. Proctor, librarian, Forrest City Public Library.

MISS MELROSE BRASHEARS, formerly a member of Arkansas Library Commission staff, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita College in August. She is now teacher librarian at Lake Hamilton School, Garland County.

I. C. OXNER, McGehee, died September 27. He is survived by his wife and one daughter. Mrs. Oxner is a member of the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board. She was formerly a member of the Arkansas Library Commission.

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